

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 – EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION

The meeting was called to order at the Empire Township Hall and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bacon at 7:00 p.m. Upon a roll call, Council members Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer were present. Rademacher was excused. Clerk Smith was also present.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Motion by Bacon, support by Dye to approve the agenda. Upon a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

PRESENTATION

GABRIDGE & CO. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT Y/E 2-28-22 – Robert Klein of Gabridge reviewed the highlights of the audit report. Several questions regarding fund balances, retirement funding, and AARPA funds and restrictions were discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS – A thank you from the New Neighborhood HOA Phase 1 & 2 regarding traffic control was read aloud. An inquiry regarding sidewalk repair in the New Neighborhood, and the response from the Street Administrator detailing the standards and plans for such was also read aloud.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – Davis provided an update on the Drainage District, Shalda Park improvements, Niagara St., and prices from Gosling Czubak for report on incorporating REUs into the water rates and an RFP for an expanded list for sidewalk repair.

COUNCIL MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORTS – Streets Committee reported on making contacts regarding Fisher Street. Tree Committee reported on the tree planting with ReLeaf that will happen on 9-30-22. Final results of the grant and a proposed ordinance should be available in October. The Planning Commission has completed a second review of the proposed gas station project and public hearings will be held. Parks reported on status of budgeted items.

OLD BUSINESS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Items that were less than 10K were removed as they should be classed as repair and maintenance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT – Compliments were expressed to those contributing to the audit receiving the highest rating (an unqualified opinion).

ADJOURNMENT at 8:03 p.m.

Derith Smith Empire Village Clerk

These minutes were approved at the September 27, 2022, Regular Council meeting.